

# COMMITTEE ON HOMELAND SECURITY

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## House Committee Explores National Response to Catastrophic Events

*Members Review Emergency Responsibilities, Preparedness Measures*

Washington, DC (Monday, Oct. 17, 2005)—The House Committee on Homeland Security will hold the following hearings this week:

### Tuesday, Oct. 18, 2005:

**4:00 p.m. Joint Subcommittee Hearing: “SCADA and the Terrorist Threat: Protecting the Nation’s Critical Control Systems”** (311 Cannon House Office Building)

The Subcommittees on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity and Emergency Preparedness, Science, and Technology will examine the vulnerabilities of the Nation’s Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) systems and the Federal and private efforts to protect them from potential terrorist attacks.

Witnesses: Mr. Donald “Andy” Purdy, Acting Director, National Cybersecurity Division, U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS); Mr. Larry Todd, Director of Security, Safety and Law Enforcement Bureau of Reclamation, U.S. Department of the Interior; Dr. Sam Varnado, Director, Information Operations Center, Sandia National Laboratory; Dr. KP Ananth, Associate Laboratory Director, National and Homeland Security Idaho National Laboratory; Dr. William Rush, Institute Physicist, Gas Technology Institute; Mr. Alan Paller, Director of Research, The SANS Institute.

### Wednesday, Oct. 19, 2005:

**10:00 a.m. Full Committee Hearing: “Federalism and Disaster Response: Examining the Roles and Responsibilities of Local, State, and Federal Agencies”** (311 Cannon House Office Building)

The Committee will examine the historical and constitutional roles and responsibilities of local, State, and Federal governments in responding to disasters and other emergencies. Members will review the issue of Federalism and the policy implications of expanding the Federal government’s role in disaster response.

Witnesses: The Honorable Jeb Bush, Governor, State of Florida; The Honorable Rick Perry; Governor, State of Texas; The Honorable Janet Napolitano, Governor, State of Arizona.

**3:00 p.m.      Joint Committee Hearing: “The Department of Homeland Security Second Stage Review: The Role of the Chief Intelligence Officer”** (311 Cannon House Office Building)

The Subcommittee on Intelligence, Information Sharing, and Terrorism Risk Assessment and the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence Subcommittee on Terrorism/HUMINT, Analysis and Counterintelligence will examine the role of the newly created Chief Intelligence Officer (CIO) within DHS.

Witnesses: Mr. Charlie Allen, Chief Intelligence Officer, DHS; additional witnesses to be announced.

**Thursday, Oct. 20, 2005:**

**1:00 p.m.      Subcommittee Hearing: “Mitigating Catastrophic Events Through Effective Medical Response”** (Location TBD)

The Subcommittee on Prevention of Nuclear and Biological Attack will evaluate the Federal government’s ability to respond to a biological or nuclear terrorist attack and mitigate potential effects through an integrated medical response plan.

Witnesses: Dr. Roy L. Alson, Associate Professor, Emergency Medicine, Wake Forest University School of Medicine; Dr. Richard Bradley, Medical Director, Emergency Center – LBJ General Hospital, University of Texas Health Science Center at Houston; Col. Donald F. Thompson, MD, Senior Research Fellow, Center for Technology and National Security Policy, National Defense University; Dr. Jenny E. Freeman, President and Chief Executive Officer, Hypermed, Inc.

**3:00 p.m.      Subcommittee Hearing: “The London Bombings: Protecting Civilian Targets from Terrorist Attacks, Part II”** (311 Cannon House Office Building)

The Subcommittee on Economic Security, Infrastructure Protection, and Cybersecurity will examine how the Federal government is securing mass transit systems, office buildings, shopping malls, and other civilian soft targets from potential terrorist attacks. This hearing is a continuation of the State and local government and private sector witnesses who testified before the Subcommittee on Sept. 7, 2005.

Witnesses: The Honorable Kip Hawley, Assistant Secretary, Transportation Security Administration, DHS; Mr. Robert Stephan, Assistant Secretary, Infrastructure Protection Division, DHS.

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